

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir. The targets ceilings fixed for export of sugar and foodgrains during the current financial year are as under:

(lakh tonnes)

i) Sugar	5.295
ii) Wheat	8.40
iii) Wheat products	1.00
iv) Non-Basmati Rice	7.25
v) Basmati Rice	On OGL with no ceiling.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Funding of Hospital by U.S.A for Victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy**

963. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Carbide Corporation, USA has given an offer for funding a hospital in India for the victims of 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). In its Judgement of the 3rd October, 1991, the Supreme Court had inter alia directed the

setting up of a specialised hospital in Bhopal for the victims of the Gas Leak Disaster and expressed the hope that Union Carbide Corporation would fund it. According to reports in the Press, Union Carbide Corporation is willing to provide Rs. 50 crores (approx. US \$ 19 million), towards construction and operation of the hospital.

#### **Production of Gas based Vehicles**

964. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposals for producing vehicles that can cause little or no pollution by the use of compressed natural gas instead of petrol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government would insist on the conversion of the present vehicles gradually into gas based vehicles; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### **More Fertiliser Factories**

965. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some more fertiliser factories in the near future; and